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NELS HOLUM, OLD PIONEER, IS DEAD

SUCCUMBS TO OLD AGE EARLY
WEDNESDAY MORNING AT
JAMES HOME

Nels Holum, one of the early pioneers of Brown county, and a highly respected citizen of the James community, died Wednesday morning from the infirmities of old age, he being 86 years old at the time of his death. The end came peacefully and serenely, the deceased slipping off into his last Great Sleep with full knowledge that he was prepared to meet his Maker.

Mr. Holum was born in Norway, where he was married. Together with his wife, they came to America and settled in Minnesota in 1879, where they lived for a few years before coming to South Dakota. When the government opened up land in Dakota territory, he was among the first to take advantage of its offer, coming to James in 1881 and settling on a quarter of land near that city. He has since made his home there. His wife died four years ago at the age of 79 years.

Mr. Holum was a life-long member of the Lutheran church and he followed the teachings of its creed with unswerving faith and fidelity. Throughout his long and useful life he lived the church's doctrines and he carried them with him unto the last. These doctrines called for a high standard of citizenship and Christianity and that he was a living embodiment of both is attested by the remarkably large number of friends which were drawn to him through these virtues.

Mr. Holum leaves seven children and a large number of grand children to mourn his loss. One son, Peter, died some time ago. The living are: Mrs. Torgenson, of Ellendale, Minn.; John Holum of Deering, N. D.; Anna, Gilbert, Knute and N. J. Holum, of James and Mrs. Hunstad, of Bath.

No arrangements had been made for the funeral, Wednesday afternoon.